EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SERVE DC – THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

AmeriCorps*State Grants

NOTICE: ATTENDANCE AT ONE OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSIONS IS **REQUIRED** IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010, AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010 FROM 5:30 TO 7:30PM, AND WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010 (CONFERENCE CALL) FROM 2:30 TO 4:30 P.M. IF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE DOES NOT RELEASE THEIR AMENDMENT NOFO BY OCTOBER 5, 2010, SERVE DC – THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MOVE THE OCTOBER 7, 2010 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSION TO OCTOBER 14, 2010. THOSE WHO SIGN UP FOR THE OCTOBER 7, 2010 SESSION WILL BE CONTACTED ABOUT THE CHANGE. PLEASE SEE THE REMAINDER OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Summary: Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism announces the availability of AmeriCorps*State funding for Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 to eligible organizations. Subject to the availability of appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011 (FY2011), new applicants with high-quality proposals will compete nationally with other State and National programs for $311,000,000 of Competitive funds made available through Serve DC and the Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation). The total amount of an applicant's grant request must not exceed $13,300 per Member Service Year. Applicants must request no less than five (5) Member Service Years and $66,500. For Professional Corps, the applicant's grant request must not exceed $2,500 per Member Service Year, must request no less than five (5) Member Service Years and $12,500.

Following Serve DC's initial review of all applications, a decision will be made as to which programs Serve DC will recommend to the Corporation for Competitive funding consideration. The remaining applications – and those not selected by the Corporation for Competitive funding – will be considered for Formula funds. Serve DC reserves the right to reject applicants from both the Competitive process and from consideration for Formula funding. If rejected, applicants will not be able to apply for AmeriCorps funding from Serve DC for one calendar year. Serve DC anticipates notifying Competitive awardees by mid-June 2011 and anticipates making Competitive grant awards in or about the first week of July 2011. Applicants considered for Formula funding will follow the Formula application timeline.

AmeriCorps is a national service network that provides full- and less than full-time opportunities for participants, called members, to serve their communities and build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to meet local environmental, educational, public safety, homeland security, or other human needs. Within these five issue areas, programs may submit proposals that address specific problems of local communities.

In 2010, the Corporation awarded approximately 80 percent of its AmeriCorps State and National competitive funds to organizations meeting needs in the five priority areas identified in the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act (**Education, Healthy Futures, Clean Energy/Environment, Veterans, and Opportunity**).

In 2011, Serve DC expects the Corporation to award a similar percentage of available funding to programs working in the focus areas of **Education, Healthy Futures, Clean Energy/Environment, Veterans, Opportunity**, **and Disaster Services.** Within these focus areas, Serve DC will give additional priority to those applications that propose to meet the Corporation's strategic objectives. These strategic objectives will be included in Serve DC's amended NOFO, which will be issued in October. Additional information on the development of the strategic objectives and the strategic plan can be found on the Corporation's website here: http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/focus_areas/index.asp.

In 2011, the Corporation will implement the second year of the National Performance Measures Pilot. National performance measures allow the Corporation to demonstrate the aggregated impact of AmeriCorps programs. While use of national performance measures remains optional in 2011, new and re-competing applicants are strongly encouraged to use them in planning programming. Applications that include national performance measures will be given special attention by Serve DC. National performance measures will be described in detail in Serve DC's amended NOFO which will be issued in October.

In 2011, Serve DC and the Corporation are looking to expand their portfolio by including 'encore service programs' - a program that involves a significant number of participants age 55 or older and takes advantage of the skills and experience that such participants offer in the design and implementation of the program – and applicants that have not received an AmeriCorps State or National operational grant in the last five years. Applicants that have received only a state commission formula operational grant within the last five years will be considered new for purposes of this competition.

Match Requirement: All program costs require at least a 24% cash or in-kind match during each of the first three years of funding, with match requirements increasing incrementally after year three. Programs reach a maximum 50% minimum match level during the 10th year of funding.

AmeriCorps Funding Year	**1, 2, 3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10+**
Grantee Share Requirements	24%	26%	30%	34%	38%	42%	46%	50%

Criteria for Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are local nonprofit organizations and/or state and local units of government. The Corporation and Serve DC encourage organizations that have never received funding from the Corporation or AmeriCorps to apply for this grant opportunity. Programs applying to Serve DC for funding *must* operate their program only within the District of Columbia. Organizations that have been convicted of a Federal crime are disqualified from receiving funds.

An organization described in Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501 (c) (4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for members, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program. **Individuals are not eligible to apply.**

All eligible applicants must meet all of the applicable requirements contained in the application guidelines and instructions. The application guidelines and instructions will be available on mid-October 2010 on Serve DC's website at www.serve.dc.gov or in person at Serve DC's office noted below. **The deadline for submission is November 17, 2010, by 5:00 pm.** Applications must be entered in to the CNCS eGrants online system and all required hard-copy documents must be submitted to Serve DC. Late applications will not be accepted. An application is considered late at 5:01 p.m.

Additionally, applicants are **required** to attend one of the following technical assistance sessions: October 7, 2010, from 5:30-7:30pm in the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101 (if the Corporation fails to release their NOFA by October 5, 2010, Serve DC reserves to the right to change this technical assistance session to October 14, 2010); October 26, 2010, 5:30-7:30pm in the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101; October 20, 2010 from 2:30-4:30pm (conference call). Conference call information will only be available to those who RSVP.

For additional information or to RSVP for one of the technical assistance sessions, please contact by telephone or email:

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